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HAVE A SPARKLING CLEAN KITCHEN SINK

- A clean sink helps keep you and your family healthy.
- A dirty sink often smells bad. It will attract bugs.
- For a clean kitchen, you need a clean sink.
- A clean sink looks nice.

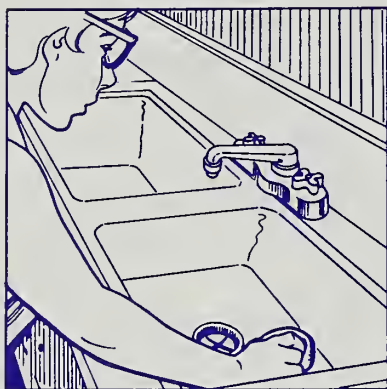


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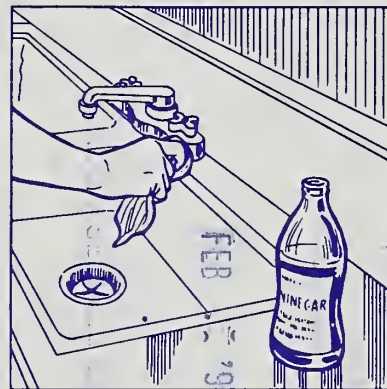


Fig. 3

EVERY DAY . . .

After washing dishes, clean the sink with detergent and warm water. (Fig. 1) Rinse with clear water.

Get rid of black marks by rubbing spots with fine scouring powder on a clean, damp cloth. Rinse. Many sinks are made of porcelain enamel which is like glass. Coarse gritty scouring powder can scratch the porcelain and will make the sink harder to clean later on. Avoid using coarse scouring materials on stainless steel sinks, too.

DO NOT pour grease down drains. Hardened grease will clog drains. Collect grease in an empty tin can. (Fig. 2) Let grease harden then put it into the garbage can.

Clean faucets with detergent and water. *Do not* use scouring powder. The plated finish on the faucets can be worn off with hard rubbing.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS . . .

If the sink is stained, use a tablespoon of chlorine bleach on a small sponge. Put the sponge

over the stain for a few minutes to remove the stain. Rinse sponge and sink to remove the bleach.

To get rid of brown stains around the faucets, try vinegar or lemon juice in water. Clean around the faucets with this. (Fig. 3) Then rinse with clear water.

If the sink in your kitchen is old and badly scratched, you will need to use a coarser scouring powder to clean it. To make the whole sink whiter, you can use a bleach solution. Fill the sink with hot water. Add bleach (no stronger than package directions). Let it stand a while. Drain. Rinse the sink well.

Remember the porcelain in your sink is like glass. It can be chipped if it is hit with something sharp or heavy. Pipes can plug up. Here's how to clean drain pipes:

- (1) Run hot water into sink. This hot water will stay in the trap. If water drains out slowly, pour hot, sudsy water through the drain. This cuts the grease. Flush well with hot clear water.



Fig. 4

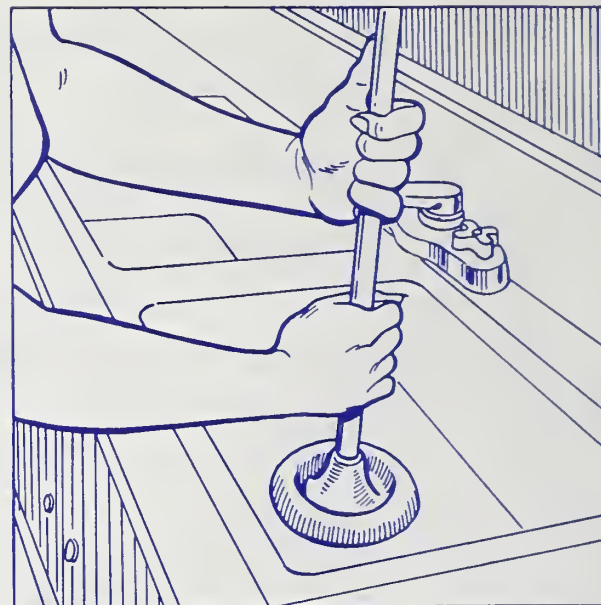


Fig. 5

(2) If running lots of hot water through the pipes doesn't help, use a special drain cleaner. *Read the label.* (Fig. 4) *Follow the directions printed on the can or bottle.* Use only one kind of drain cleaner at a time—never mix different kinds. Don't stand close to the sink when the drain cleaner begins to bubble and "boil." There are fumes coming off that could hurt your eyes and lungs.

(3) If the sink stops up often, get a rubber plunger. Fit this plunger down tightly over the drain hole. Force the plunger handle down quickly several times. (Fig. 5) This can loosen clogging before the sink stops up completely.

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